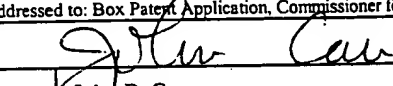


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Sir:

Please cancel claims 1-15, 25-28, 34, and 54-57 before examination of this application:

REMARKS

Claims 1-57 are pending in the present application and are derived from Application Number 08/884,044 entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MAPPING TEXTURES ONTO SURFACES OF COMPUTER-GENERATED OBJECTS. In that case, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement in an Official Action dated February 16, 1999. Specifically, in the Official Action the Examiner

indicated that claims 1-15, 25-28, 34 and 54-57 fell under one group classified in class 345, subclass 418 and claims 16-24, 29-33, and 35-53 fell under a different group classified in class 345, subclass 232. Applicants thereafter elected to continue prosecution on the merits as to claims 1-15, 25-28, 34 and 54-57 and cancelled claims 16-24, 29-33, and 35-53 without traverse.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), Applicants herein file a divisional application and in this Preliminary Amendment filed therewith, the Applicants now elect to have claims 16-24, 29-33 and 35-53 prosecuted on the merits.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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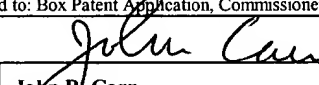
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Please cancel claims 1-57 and replace them with claims 58-73, as follows, before examination of this application: